

6. (Amended) An output method comprising a first step to receive and store information regarding thinned-out woods and the thinned-out woods production place, a second step to receive and store information regarding available processing, a third step to receive information regarding desired wood material, desired wood material production place, and desired processing, and a fourth step to output information on the thinned-out woods, the thinned-out woods production place and the available processing corresponding to the information on the desired wood material, the desired wood material production place, and the desired processing.

A2 7. (Amended) An output method comprising a first step to disclose specification requirements for elements constituting a commodity, a second step to receive and store information on thinned-out woods for the disclosed specification requirements and the thinned-out woods production place, a third step to receive and store information on available processing for the disclosed specification requirements, a fourth step to receive information on desired wood material, desired wood material production place and desired processing, and a fifth step to output information on the thinned-out woods, the thinned-out woods production place, and the available processing corresponding to the information on the desired wood material, the desired wood material production place, and the desired processing.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-7 are pending. Claims 5 and 8 have been canceled. The specification has been amended to recite Figure 4.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being narrative and indefinite. Claims 1-4 and 6-7 have been amended to conform to U.S. practice. Withdrawal of the instant rejection is requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6-7 stand rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,794,212 to Mistr, Jr. Claims 1-4 and 6-7 have been amended to recite methods that utilize thinned-out woods. Specifically, the claims are directed to providing a system, which can effectively utilize thinned-out or depleted woods. As recognized by the Examiner, Mistr does not teach a system for

utilizing thinned-out woods. Thus Mistr does not teach each and every element of the claimed invention as required under 35 USC 102. Withdrawal of the instant rejection is requested.

Moreover, Mistr does not render obvious the claimed invention. As noted above, the claims are directed to providing a system, which can effectively utilize thinned-out or depleted woods. Such woods are thinned-out by procurement and processing of the wood. The system of the claimed invention allows information on desired wood material, desired production place, and desired processing from an end user to be matched with wood available from thinned-out woods, production places, and available processing. That is, the claimed system allows the end user to choose a production place and utilize the thinned out woods available to that production place if the woods and production place matches the desired wood material. (The production place is the region where the wood material comes from, such as a particular city or country or river area. For example, the desired wood material and production place may be Balsa from Ecuador or Ebony, Brown from Mexico, or Cedar, Eastern Red from South America. Attention is drawn to Figure 5, ST8e.)

The claimed invention allows the material production place or processor to provide the material or processing which meet an end user's needs without needing to know the end user's needs. In addition, the end user can choose a desired production place or desired quality (specifications) of the thinned-out woods for use in, for example, furniture material.

Mistr, on the other hand, does not have a means to receive information on the desired material, desired production place, and desired processing. Mistr does not require the user to choose a supplier of electrical power as a commodity since quality of the electrical power does not vary and does not depend on the supplier.

Moreover, the Mistr system is not intended to allow the user to voluntarily choose a desired electric power plant or to designate a specific place of the electric power plant when proposing the transaction. Instead, Mistr's system is intended to respond to the user's demand when electric power consumption reaches maximum.

Claims 5 and 8 are considered obvious over Mistr. These claims have been canceled rendering the instant rejection moot.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the objections and rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Wolffe", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Replace the paragraph at page 9, line 24, to page 10, line 1.

Next explained will be a flow in which a furniture manufacturer, a material supplier or a processor inputs a predetermined data by use of thus arranged system and a flow in which the demander searches material or processing method for a desired commodity based on the input information. Attention is drawn to Fig. 4.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A processing system for processing material characterized in comprising a material information-first receiving means for receiving information which receives an input of information on material regarding thinned-out woods which can be supplied and the thinned-out woods production place, a processing information-second receiving means for receiving information which receives an input of information on available processing, which can be supplied and a desired information-third receiving means for receiving which receives an input of desired information on desired wood material, desired production place of the wood material, and desired processing, wherein further comprising an output means which outputs information corresponding to the desired information input received by the desired information-third receiving means based on the information which is received and registered by the material information first receiving means and the processing information-second receiving means.

2. (Amended) A processing system for processing material characterized in comprising a material information-first receiving means for receiving information which receives an input of information on material regarding thinned-out woods which can be supplied and the thinned-out woods production place, based on a required specification requirements for constructing elements constituting a commodity, a processing information-second receiving means for receiving information which receives an input of information on available processing which can be supplied based on the required

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specification ~~requirements~~for the constructing elements constituting the commodity, and a desired information ~~third~~ receiving means for receiving ~~which receives an input of~~ desired information on desired wood material, desired production place of the wood material, and desired processing, ~~wherein further comprising~~ an output means which outputs information corresponding to the ~~desired information~~ input received by the ~~desired information~~ third receiving means based on the information ~~which is received and registered by the material information~~ first receiving means and the ~~processing information~~ second receiving means.

3. (Amended) An output unit ~~for information on processing material~~ characterized in comprising a ~~material information~~ first memory means for storing ~~which stores~~ information on ~~material~~ a thinned-out woods ~~which can be supplied and the thinned-out woods production place~~, a ~~processing information~~ second memory means for storing ~~information which stores information on available processing, which can be supplied and~~ an output means ~~which outputs~~ for outputting information corresponding to ~~desired information from among the information stored in said material information~~ the first memory means and the second ~~processing information~~ memory means based on an input of ~~the desired information on the desired~~ wood material, desired wood material production place, and ~~the desired~~ processing.

4. (Amended) An output unit ~~for information on processing material~~ characterized in comprising a ~~specification information~~ first memory means for storing ~~information regarding which stores a required~~ specification requirements for elements constituting a commodity, a ~~material information~~ second memory means for storing ~~which stores material information on thinned-out woods corresponding to the specification requirements stored in the first memory means and the thinned-out woods production place~~ registered corresponding to information on the required specification stored in the specification information memory means, a ~~processing information~~ third memory means for storing ~~which stores processing information on available processing registered corresponding to the information on the specification~~ requirements stored in the

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~~specification information~~ first memory means, and an output means ~~which outputs for~~ outputting information ~~on the material and the processing corresponding to desired~~ information ~~from among the information stored in said material~~ information the second memory means and the ~~processing information~~ third memory means based on an input of ~~the desired information on the desired~~ wood material, desired wood material production place, and ~~the desired~~ processing.

6. (Amended) An output method ~~for information on processing material~~ characterized in comprising a first step to receive and store information ~~on material~~ which can be supplied regarding thinned-out woods and the thinned-out woods production place, a second step to receive and store information ~~on processing which can be~~ supplied regarding available processing, a third step to receive ~~an input of desired~~ information ~~on regarding the desired wood material, desired wood material production~~ place, and the desired processing, and a fourth step to output information ~~on the material~~ the thinned-out woods, the thinned-out woods production place and the available processing ~~which corresponds to the desired information from among the stored~~ information ~~on the material and the processing when the input of the desired information~~ is received corresponding to the information on the desired wood material, the desired wood material production place, and the desired processing.

7. (Amended) An output method ~~for information on processing material~~ characterized in comprising a first step to disclose ~~a required specification requirements~~ for elements constituting a commodity, a second step to receive and store information ~~on material thinned-out woods which can be supplied for the disclosed required specification~~ requirements and the thinned-out woods production place, a third step to receive and store information on available processing ~~which can be supplied for the disclosed~~ required specification requirements, a fourth step to receive ~~an input of desired~~ information ~~on the desired wood material, desired wood material production place -and~~ the desired processing, and a fifth step to output information ~~on the material thinned-out~~ woods, the thinned-out woods production place, and the available processing ~~which~~

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~~corresponds to the desired information from among the stored information on the material~~  
~~and the processing when the input of the desired information is received~~corresponding to  
the information on the desired wood material, the desired wood material production  
place, and the desired processing.